



# APPLICATION FOR COMMISSIONER, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

**Instructions:** Applicants interested in applying for the Commissioner position for the Commission should read these instructions carefully and complete each application section to the best of their knowledge. Please be as specific as possible and include all information as requested. Comments such as "see resume or application" will not be considered as a response.

Please submit your application, resume, and additional attachments to [Apply@coc.lacounty.gov](mailto:Apply@coc.lacounty.gov). This recruitment will remain open until the needs of the Commission are met. Applicants are encouraged to apply by February 1, 2022, for first consideration.

A complete application packet should include:

1. Completed Commissioner Application (31 questions below)
2. Statement of Interest
3. Resume

## Section I: Contact Information

Applicant Name (Last, First Middle): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section II: Qualifications

1. Are you a resident of Los Angeles County?      Yes ☐ No ☐
2. If you are a resident of Los Angeles County, how long have you been so?  
Enter approximate year and months (e.g., 3 years and 2 months)    Years: \_\_\_\_\_ Months: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you currently an employee of the County of Los Angeles?      Yes ☐ No ☐
4. Are you currently/were you (within the last 12 months) an employee of any law enforcement agency, including a police or prosecutorial agency?      Yes ☐ No ☐
5. Are you currently in contract with or employed by an organization under contract with the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department?      Yes ☐ No ☐
6. Are you involved in active litigation against the County or serving in the role of court-appointed monitor?      Yes ☐ No ☐



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## Section III: Background Questionnaire

7. Briefly describe your professional experience relevant to the mission of the Civilian Oversight Commission.

*The purpose of the Commission is to improve public transparency and accountability with respect to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), the largest sheriff's department in the nation, by providing robust opportunities for community engagement, ongoing analysis, and oversight of the LASD's policies, practices, procedures, and advising the Board of Supervisors, the department, and the public. (Explain in 250 words or less.)*

**For Questions 8 through 13, select the answer that best describes your personal knowledge and/or experience.**

8. How knowledgeable or familiar are you with law enforcement custody/corrections?

- ☐ A. Fundamental Awareness - I have no more knowledge or expertise in this area than most people have
- ☐ B. Novice - I understand and can discuss basic terminology, concepts, issues and/or principles relevant to this topic
- ☐ C. Intermediate - I understand and can discuss the application and implication of processes, practices, and procedures in this area
- ☐ D. Advanced - I can explain the nuances of this topic to others in easy-to-understand terms
- ☐ E. Expert - I can serve as an expert in this topic or area

9. How knowledgeable or familiar are you with the criminal justice system?

- ☐ A. Fundamental Awareness - I have no more knowledge or expertise in this area than most people have
- ☐ B. Novice - I understand and can discuss basic terminology, concepts, issues and/or principles relevant to this topic
- ☐ C. Intermediate - I understand and can discuss the application and implication of processes, practices, and procedures in this area
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10. How knowledgeable or familiar are you with mental health services within public safety environments such as custody and crisis response?

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11. How knowledgeable or familiar are you with vulnerable populations (individuals experiencing homelessness, drug addiction traumatized/ PTSD, and/ or families of victims)?

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12. How knowledgeable are you with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (policies, procedures, and practices)?

- ☐ A. Fundamental Awareness - I have no more knowledge or expertise in this area than most people have
- ☐ B. Novice – I understand and can discuss basic terminology, concepts, issues and/or principles relevant to this topic
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13. How knowledgeable are you with the Brown Act and applying it at public meetings?

- ☐ A. Fundamental Awareness - I have no more knowledge or expertise in this area than most people have
- ☐ B. Novice – I understand and can discuss basic terminology, concepts, issues and/or principles relevant to this topic
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## Section IV: Commissioner Position Interest Questionnaire

For Questions 14 through 24, answer "Yes" or "No"

14. Are you willing to invest the time necessary to effectively serve on the Commission? (estimated to be as much as 20 hours per week, which includes meetings of 2 to 4 hours held at least once a month; training; touring/visiting County facilities; preparing for meetings (e.g., review materials); time required to analyze and consider alternative positions and perspectives; and engaging in community outreach events with the public, as needed?)

Yes ☐ No ☐

15. Are you willing to complete a training and orientation program which may include constitutional policing; use of force and firearms; job observation (i.e., "ride-alongs"); "real-life" simulations; academy visits; mediation techniques; defensive tactics training; and/or continuing education on policing issues?

Yes ☐ No ☐



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16. Are you willing to agree, in writing, to follow and adhere to a statement of ethical principles, code of conduct, and conflict of interest standards?

Yes ☐ No ☐

17. Are you willing to listen to views and perspectives without prejudice, bias, or malice, and reach decisions that are fair and equitable?

Yes ☐ No ☐

18. Are you willing to agree, in writing, to maintain absolute confidentiality of sensitive and/or privileged information and obey all laws protecting an individual's rights of privacy and confidentiality?

Yes ☐ No ☐

19. Are you willing to help improve community relations and increase public confidence in the LASD?

Yes ☐ No ☐

20. To your knowledge, has any formal charge of professional misconduct ever been filed against you by a licensing or regulatory board or by any other disciplinary body in any jurisdiction?

Yes ☐ No ☐

21. Are you now, or have you ever been employed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department?

Yes ☐ No ☐

22. Are you willing to do a Live Scan with the County's Department of Human Resources for background check?

Yes ☐ No ☐

**For Questions 23 through 24, please provide an explanation if you select "Yes"**

23. Is there any possible conflict of interest, whether financial or personal, or any other matter that would be problematic or prevent you from fairly and impartially discharging your duties as a Commissioner?

Yes ☐ No ☐ If you answered "Yes" to the previous question, please explain (in 250 words or less):



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24. Is there any information that, if brought to light, would embarrass you, reflect negatively on your appointment to the Commission, or damage your credibility to be fair, objective, and impartial?

Yes ☐ No ☐ If you answered "Yes" to the previous question, please explain (in 250 words or less):

For Questions 25- 31, please provide a written response

25. Please provide 3 references who can speak about your integrity, honesty, and character. Please only include references who may be contacted and are not family members. For each reference, please provide their name, address, phone number, email address (if known) and your relationship.

26. Please list any oversight boards or commissions on which you currently or previously served, including the number of years served or are serving. If not applicable, indicate "N/A."



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27. Briefly list and describe how you have demonstrated an active interest in the community, and/or community service. If possible, describe active “hands on” experience in serving the community. Please include your role within each organization. (Explain in 250 words or less.)

28. How do your qualifications make you uniquely well-suited to serve on this Commission? (Explain in 250 words or less.)

29. What do you personally want to accomplish through your participation on the Civilian Oversight Commission?  
(Explain in 250 words or less.)



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30. Please provide a specific example of a time when you demonstrated your ability to be objective and impartial in decision making.  
(Explain in 250 words or less.)

31. Please provide a brief description of a time when you demonstrated your ability to make constructive recommendations for a change or an improvement. You may want to reference an example from community service, other commissions or boards, or your profession.  
(Explain in 250 words or less.)

I certify that all information and statements made in this application and any attachments pertaining thereto are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree that any false information and/or statement(s) of a material facts or omissions may subject me to disqualification or dismissal.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_